

Officials Committed to Helping Military Members Vote

Defense officials are committed to ensuring military members have the ability to vote from anywhere in the world, DoD's top personnel officer said.

Voting assistance officers are available on military installations and in units to assist service members in finding information for their home states and districts. These officers can help them register to vote and request absentee ballots.

According to David S. C. Chu, undersecretary for personnel and readiness, the U.S. Postal Service has committed to sending voting materials to and from military members overseas via express mail.

Chu said a good source of information on voting is the Web site of the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP). The site includes links to absentee voting rules for all states and jurisdictions.



From this site, potential voters can fill out and submit an online version of the Federal Post Card Application, which allows individuals to register to vote or request an absentee ballot from nearly all U.S. jurisdictions.

People can also use a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot to vote in congressional and presidential elections if they don't receive their absentee ballots in time. Information on using this form is also available on the FVAP Web site.

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For information and forms, visit www.fvap.gov, or the Navy voting Web site at www.bupers.navy.mil/nvap.



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